

RECORD OF MEETING

Date and Venue of meeting	15 September 2009, 11am By telephone
Type of meeting	Representation by members of the local community regarding the requested technical amendment to Bottlehill Landfill Licence W0161-01
Name of Licensee	Cork County Council
Location	The meeting was originally to take place at EPA HQ, Wexford, but was conducted by telephone instead at the request of Ms Healy
People present at meeting	EPA: Brian Meaney Third party: Elizabeth Healy Noreen O'Sullivan Georgina Connolly Therese Cahill
Discussion is related to the following	Cork County Council requested a technical amendment to Bottlehill Landfill Licence W0161-01 to allow for the acceptance of unbaled waste at the facility. The licence currently requires the acceptance of waste predominantly in baled form.
Items / matters discussed	<p>A number of issues were raised during the short discussion.</p> <p>The acceptance of unbaled waste is generally objected to.</p> <p>It was stated that the planning conditions require that the waste be baled.</p> <p>The facility is located 800 feet above sea level and is windy. Unbaled waste will be blown.</p> <p>Wildlife, disease and flies were stated as grounds for objecting to the acceptance of unbaled waste.</p> <p>The surface of the road leading to the facility is new and experimental. It is said to be slippery, particularly in winter, and there have been accidents on the road. A trailer spilling a load of unbaled waste will have greater impact than if the waste was baled. I stated that road transport issues are outside the scope of the licence and will not be considered.</p> <p>More baled waste can be packed into a trailer than unbaled waste, meaning more journeys for unbaled waste and greater carbon footprint.</p> <p>It was stated that Cork County Council are finding the installation of baling equipment not to be cost effective. Private sector operators are reluctant to invest in baling equipment. Therefore it is a matter of economic convenience to seek to have the licence amended.</p> <p>The proposed changes were not made public to an adequate degree. Not everybody living in close proximity to the facility was informed by letter of the recent meeting in relation to the proposed changes.</p> <p>The Landfill Directive (1999/31/EC) requirement to divert biodegradable municipal waste from landfill by 2010 was raised. I stated that the Bottlehill Landfill Licence will be reviewed before operation commences in order to introduce the necessary conditions for the diversion of</p>

	biodegradable municipal waste.
Information requested	A meeting with the EPA was requested – to take place preferably at the facility. I made no commitment to making a site visit, but a site visit will be made if deemed necessary.
Documents handed over	None
Any other comments	The grounds for making technical amendment to a licence were outlined by EPA. These grounds are stated in Section 42B of the Waste Management Acts 1996 to 2008. (Section 42B was inserted by Section 38 of the Protection of the Environment Act, 2003, which can be downloaded at www.epa.ie/downloads/legislation/waste/licpermit).
Follow Up actions	Post this note to EPA website and take the issues raised into account in considering the request for technical amendment.
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